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WEATHER FOLECAST.

Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Virginia and North Carolina-Local rains Thursday, with cooler in eastern portions. Friday showers on the coast; fair in the interior; fresh southwesterly

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RICHMOND, VA. THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1900.

IS IMPLICATED IN POSTAL FRAUDS

Rathbone Appropriated Money Unlawfully.

EVIDENCE IS STRONG

Of Collusion Between Reeves, Rathbone and Neely.

MAINTAINS HIS INNOCENCE.

The Official Report Says That the Director-General Drew Fraudulent Per Diem, Paid Unwarranted

Personal Expenses from Postal Revenues, and Failed to Account.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 25 .- The Postma ter-General has made public the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow, who investigated the Cuban por tal frauds. Mr. Bristow finds that Neely's embezzlement aggregates at least \$131,713, and says he was just/fied in the removal of Director Rathbone, whether he was implicated in the embezziements or not. He says that in the matter of per diem exof the Cuban revenues, and for this Mr. Bristow says he thinks Mr. Rathbone should be required to answer. In the report Mr. Bristow says there

was no check whatever on Neely's ac-tions; that Rathbone appointed Neely, who had custody of the stamps, and that and Reeves entered into a conspracy to report a larger quantity of stamps destroyed than were actually de-

the report says Neely's fraudulent transactions were not confined to these embezzlements, and while the amounts were small compared with the latter, they show the same official deprayity and utter disregard of the interests of the public

The connection between Neely and the Neely Printing Company, of Muncle, Ind., of which he was proprietor before he

witch he was propried series as went to Cuba, is then explained.

BRIBES AND SUBSIDIES.

The Department of Posts purchased from the Keyless Lock Company, of Indianapolis, \$14.879 worth of furniture, This company paid Neely \$3,232 in two checks—one for \$2,872 and the other for \$250. For what purchase this money was For what purpose this money was him does not appear. The only rea-dic conclusion is that it was paid as ommission," "subsidy" or large for

ture.

In July, 1899, the money available for salaries was delayed, and at Nedy's suggestion, Rathbone authorized a warract on the unexpended balance for the fiscal year ending June 20th, for \$7.251. When Nedy obtained the warrant on the July field, instead of depositing it, he cashed ft, and made no according of the money.

When Nedy was assigned to duty in Havana, January 7th, 1899, his salary was \$1.82.

its was at the time financially embar-rassed. His account with the Union Na-donal Bank, at Muncle, was frequently overdrawn. February 6th, 1889, he sent a deposit of 8329 to the Muncle bank, and in February and March his additional depos-its argregated \$1.52. Thus Neely, with a salary of \$160 a month, was able within fare months to deposit \$1.852, conclusive proof that his embezziements began in

The report, continuing, says:

"Rich claims to be innocent, but he at least had knowledge of Neely's embezzlements long before he claims to have teld Rathhone. Reeves confessed that Neely paid him \$1500 for concealing the fraud in the destruction of the stamps."

hald him \$1,500 for concealing the fraud in the destruction of the stamps."

FRAUDULENT FER DIEM.

December 21st, 183, when Radilbone was appainted Director-General of Posts, his salary was fixed at \$4,000. At his request the Postmasicr-General allowed him a per diem of \$5 in addition.

In January Rathbone asked for an official residence; this was allowed. The Postmasicr-General officially fixed Rathbone's salary at \$5,500, making it effective August 1st. Although the per diem was cut, Rathbone continued to draw t.

The bills for office furniture, etc., contained such frems as trunk, gloves, dog collar, overcoat, hats for coachman, bosts for footman, shirts for coachman, etc.

Rathbone made numerous trips, and his expense account covered the entire expense of his family.

From the official records it appears that Rathbone has drawn warrants to himself in the sum of \$400 each, received the money thereon and made no accounting whatever to the Department of Posts. The evidence is

hone and Nee'y.

The report finds that Rathbone's expenditures in the payment in debts and living expenses were much in excess of salary.

The report closes as follows:
"Director-General Rathbone maintains that he is innocent of wrong-joing. Grant-ing that what Director-General Ratabons states is true, he convicts himself of the grossest carelessness in the administration of the affairs of his office or of an utter incapacity to comprehend its duties or recount for the drawing of fraudulent per dlem, unwarranted personal expenditures from the postal revenues, nor for the casaing of the warrants and a failure to account for the money received thereon."

TAMING A SHREW.

Mayor Picasants Sent Mrs. Griffin to Jan.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
FEILLSBUIG. VA., July 25-Mrs.
Wm. Griffin was before Mayor Pleasants this morning on the charge of discurbing the peace and good order of the city. Mrs. Griffin, accompanied by her musband, arrived at the court-house. Her babband, arrived at the court-house. behavior, before court opened, was such as to attract a large crowd about her, and she was warned by a police officer that if she did not behave herself she would be locked up. When the case was would be locked up. When the case was called Mrs. Griffin marched into court with the air of a queen, and when she took her scat, demanded to know on what charge she had been summoned, exclaimman. The face was lacerated by crabs below of the standing and character before a police court. Mayor Pleasants endeavored in every way to soothe the feelings of Mrs. Griffin, but without avail, and he finally told her that she would have to behave herself, or else he would fine her.

To this Mrs. Griffin replied; You may fine

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me, but I won't pay the fine. The Mayor promptly fined her \$5 for contempt, and then Mrs. Griffin proceeded to read the riot act to the court and the officer. By the direction of the Mayor, Mrs. Griffin was taken to fail, and escorted by two police officers, whom she defied to put her in fail, she was marched, without much ceremony, to jail.

ceremony, to jail.

Mrs. Griffin says she will remain in jail
until doom's day before she will pay
any fine, or apologize to the court.

Mrs. Griffin is from North Carolina, and
is a powerful-looking specimen of womanhood. Her husband is as "meek as Moses" and has no influence over her. He
ses" and has no influence over her. He hood. Her husband is as "meek as Mosses" and has no influence over her. He requested to be locked up with his wife.

Mr. George S. Bernard, referee in bankruptey in this district, to-day appointed Mr. Bartlett Roper, Jr., trustee in the applications of Messes, J. Knox Pannill and John T. Wikins, to be declared voluntary bankrupts, and John Watson, trustee, on the application of John T. Pace.

The Giffen Company, in Petersburg, is playing to gradually-increasing numbers of people. There is a change of bill almost daily. To-night "The Lottery of Love" will be presented and on Thursday and Friday "The Giffed Fool," and at Saturday matines and night "The Butterfiles."

VIRGINIA BAPTISTS.

District Association Meetings at Crewe and Shackleford's.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
REWE, VA., July 25—The Concord Bap-Association convened at the Baptist rch here yesterday morning at 10

reading of church letters, the organi-ion and the introductory sermon, ir. H. H. Seay, of Blackstone, was cted moderator, Mr. T. F. Pettus was elected treasurer, and Mr. Wilton urston was re-elected clerk.

nurston was re-elected clerk. The introductory sermon, which was a rong and able discourse, was preached by st. G. T. Watkins, of Chirkswille. In the afternoon the report of the Edution Board of the General Association Virginia was presented by Professor C. James, of Chase City, and addresses the subject were made by Hon. J. Tayre Ellyson, of Richmond, and Rey. R. W. Jailin, at Burkswille.

ler Ellyson, of Richmond, and Feer at C. Cridin, of Burkeyille.

The balance of the afterneon session was taken up in miscellaneous business, and the discussion of the Almisters' Fraternal Beneficial Association of Virginia, by Rev. J. W. Mitchell, of Portsmouth, and other ministers.

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A large number of delegates and others have arrived, and the homes of the people are rapidly filling with visitors.

(Special Dispatch to The Times).

SHACKLEFORDS, VA. July 25—
The Rappahannock Baptist Association holds its fifty-eighth annual session, with Olivet Baptist Church, King and One of country, Web.

with Oilivet Baptist Church. King and Queen county, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

This is one of the largest district associations in the State, composed of more than seventy churches in the counties of Middlesex, Essex, Gloucester, Mathews, Lancaster, Richmond, King and Queen, Caroline, Westmoreland, Northumberland and King George counties.

Hon A. Browne Evans has been elected moderator at each session since 1801.

Rev. Frank B. Beale, clerk, and Hon, William Campbell, treasurer, have served the Association efficiently since 1889.

Rev. Juo, W. Ryland has been pastor of Oilivet church, with which the Association meets, for twenty-seven years,

Large crowds are expected to attend, among them many visitors, especially from Richmond.

Free Band Concerts.

This evening, Capitel Square, 5:39 to 7:30 Friday, Marshall Square (Libby,) 8:39 o 10:20 o'clock. Saturday, New Reservoir Park, 5:30 to

BRITISH MAKE GENERALADVANCE

Boers Forced to Abandon Their Strong Position—Railway and Telegraph Communication Restored.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, July 25.—The War Office h NDON, July 25.—The War Office has allowing dispatch from Lord Roberts; indernoerwe Station, July 24.—We a general advance yesterday in the on we have been holding east of ria since January 2, lan Hamilton ed Rustenfontein, seven miles north onkerost spruit on July 20. This so locky surrounded the enemy's line sletely surrounded the enemy's the freat that they abandoned the strong ion they had been occupying in from 'ols-Carew, Stevenson's brigade ad-ed yesterday to Elands River station osed. Our right was protected by irst and Fourth Brigades of Cavaby French and Hutton's mounted in y. The former crossed east of Wil-

way and telegraphic communication realized and telegraphic communication as restored last night. In the supply train captured at Roode-were 2.0 Weish Fusiliers, most of our had been prisoners, DeWet's force continuing to move northeasterly. It is at Roodspoort July 22d, with Brond-old not far behind, and Little's Cavairy gade following Brandwood.

BOERS SCATTERED "Baden-Powell reports as follows: 'Maga-to Farm, July 22d.—Colonel Arey and Lush-ington, with 450 men, drove 1,000 Fores from a very strong position and scattered them with considerable loss. Our casual-

es were 6 killed and 19 wounded,"
"It is not clear whether the supply train
and 200 Fusiliers mentioned in the above dispatch are identical with the train and 100 Cameron Highlanders, the capture of which was reported by Lord Roberts in his communication of July 22d.

The following dispatch from Lord Rob-

erts has been received at the War Office;
"Bronkers Spruit, July 24.—We marched
here to-day. This is the place where the
3th was attacked, December 20th, 4889.
The graves of the officers and men are in fair preservation and will now be put in good order. The march was unopposed, but French's cavalry and Hutton's mounted infantry, making a wide detour on our right, met bodies of the enemy.

These were driven back, leaving several dead and wounded. A good many were also captured. Our casualties were one killed.

"Broadwood reports that he captured five of DeWet's wagons to-day. He was waiting at Vredefort until Little joined him.'

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NORFOLK, VA., July 25.—The tug Adelaide, Captain Walker, picked up off Old Point and towed to Norfolk this evening the body of a fashionably draws. the body of a fashionably dressed young man. The face was lacerated by crabs be-

ARE WORKING ENERGETICALLY

No Abatement of Efforts to Reach Pekin.

LETTER FROM CONGER

Dated July 4th, and Shows a Very Critical State of Affairs.

MINISTERS' SAFETY ASSURED.

Viceroy Tak, at Canton, Says They Were Unharmed on July 22 L but His Statement Is Not Fully Credited-The Appeals for Mediation Not Likely to Avail Chinese Much.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The receipt at Tien Tsin of an undoubtedly genuine and autographic message from Minister Conger has done nothing to dissipate the doubt as

A careful scrutiny of the autograph mesage in comparison with the famous cipher message from Minister Conger admits of the belief that the two messages were in-

This involves the further conclusion that Mr. Conger's cipher message, if genuine, was redated as of the 18th of July, two d. Hung Chang's departure, This also affirmed solemnly the safety of the legaloners, and, coming from so many sources and from such important Chinese officials hose dispatches claim attention.

COMMON ORIGIN.

sover the transmission from P-kin to Can-ion appears to demand explanation.

It was not known to the State Depart-ment until the fact was published in the news dispatches that the French Govern-ment had also been addressed by the Chi-nese Government in the effort to secure mediation. Now it appears that other gov-triments were addressed in a similar strain. It is known that Great Britain, eived similar messages, The language is not the same, but the

generally speaking, this idea is not so much to secure mediation, pure and simmuch to secure mediation, pure and sim-ple, as to induce the Powers to resort to the settlement of the difficulties by the substitution of negotiations for armed force. The chances of a successful out-some of this attempt are much dimin-shed by the intimation that the Powers are expected to refrain from pressing the

MOVING WITH ENERGY. MOVING WITH ENERGY.

On the contrary, the United States War Department is moving at present with greater energy than at any time since the original orders for troops to get its contingent in position for the task before it. General Chaffee reported to the department to-day from Nagasaki, and there received the orders which have been sent by cable.

An idea of their correction and be witherthe orders which have been sent by cable. An idea of their character can be gathered from the General's report that he was about to push forward at once with his pig transport for Taku. He will not even stop at Che Foo, and it is doubtful whether he will detain the Grant at Nagasaki long mongh to take on coal. He is also energetically taking steps in advance to meet the evil of which all naval commanders may complained, but none have remedies,

the evil of which all haval commanders have complained, but none have remedies, a lack of landing facilities at Taku.

To this end he has instructed Lieutenant-Colonel Coolidge, of the Ninth Infantry, at Tien Tsin, to secure at once all of the tugs and lighters necessary to a speedy landing of the reinforcements and stores that are being carried out by the United States transport Grant. liates transport Grant.

States transport Grant.

ABATE NO ENERGY.

In spite of the alarm with which the Chinese officials, including Li Hung Chang, profess to view the advance of the allied forces on Pekin, so far as it affects the safety of the foreign ministers, it may be said that none of the powers have evinced any tendency to abate their preparations or to accept an essort of imperial troops for the ministers from Pekin to Tien Tsin. This Government has acted all the while on the theory that the ministers were alive, and has accepted in good faith the assurances of the Chinese Government to this effect, but it has not recognized in any way ances of the Chinese Government to this effect, but it has not recognized in any way the suggestion contained in Sheng's cable-gram of yesterday, that the Chinese gov-ernment should furnish the foreigners an escort out of Pekin.

GENERAL RISING CERTAIN.

Missionaries Ordered to Shanghai or Hong Kong at Once.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, July 26—The Shanghai corres-condent of the Daily Express teleghaphng yesterday, says:
A general rising throughout China is

ow regarded as so absolutely certain that I the missionaries throughout the Empire have been ordered to take refuge without delay, either at Shanghal or Hong Kong. Refugees are beginning to arrive from all points in the most pittable condition.

points in the most pitiable condition.

Li Hung Chang this afternoon announced that the Imperial Government was prepared at any moment to give a safe convoy to the members of the foreign legations from Pekin to Tien Tsin, provided a guarantee were given that no advance would be made upon the capital, and that Il matters in dispute between China and the powers would be made the subject of friendly negotiations.

KEMPFF'S REPORT.

Made No Attack Because We Were Not at War With China. (By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 25.—The Na-

report of Commander Wise, of the Mono-cacy, giving a graphic account of the ac-tion. Rear-Admiral Kempfi's objection for refusing to participate in the attack on the fortifications of a Power with which we were at peace, is warmly commended by the Secretary. Admiral Kempff says he informed other senior foreign naval officer that he was

Admiral Kempff says he informed other senior foreign naval officers that he was not authorized to initiate any act of war with a country with which his country was at peace, that his limit was to protect American interest, both by regulations and under recent instructions from the Navy Department.

"I did not join in the attack on the foris," says he. "Captain Wise, of the Monocacy, had orders to protect American interests, based upon department orders, but in case of attack by a Chinese Government force, he was to consider it as a declaration of war and act accordingly,"

Captain Wise, in concluding his narrative of the action, says: "I feel a natural regret, shared no doubt by the officers, that duty and orders prevented the old Monocacy from giving her ancient smooth bores a last chance."

BELATED MESSAGE.

Conger Reported Desperate Conditions on July Fourth.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The following cablegram has been received at the Navy

"Bureau Navigation, Washington:
"Written message signed Conger, dated
July 4th, received Tien Tsin Elst, says; July 4th, received Tien Tsin Etst, says:

"Benn besieged two weeks in British legation; grave danger general of massacre by
Chinese soldlers, who are shelling legation
daily. Rellef soon, if at all. City without
government, except by Chinese army, Deterrained to massacre all foreigners at
Pekin. Entry of rellef forces into city will
probably be hotly contested.

"THOMAS."

LI HUNG DETAINED.

He Will for the Present Conduct Campaign from Shanghai,

paign from Shanghai,
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 25.—The State Department has received a cable dispatch from Consul General Goodnow, but it is stated that it contains nothing to clear up the situation at Pekin. Mr. Goodnow says that Li Hung Chang will remain in Shanghai for the present and will conduct his negotiations from that city.

There is an intimation that the Earl Li Is There is an intimation that elty.

There is an intimation that the Earl Li is detained at the request of the foreign officials, although this was not so stated by Acting Secretary Hill.

TO BOMBARD COAST CITIES. Precise Instructions Sent to Russian

Admiral in Chinese Waters.

Admiral in Chinese Waters.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 25—The Daily Express has the following from St. Petersburg;

"Admiral Skrydeloff, commanding the Russian squadron in Chinese waters, has received precise instructions to bombard the Chinese coast towns immediately on receipt of confirmation of the report of the massacre at Pekin."

Chaffee at Nagasaki,

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Adjutant-General Corbin to-day received two cable-grams from Major-General Chaffee, both dated at Nigasaki, to-day. The first reads: "Transport arrived at this port on the 24th. All are well. Transport will leave this port on the 25th. Taku."

The second is as follows: "Accept promotion to Major General. Think President for me for honor and his confidence."

Temporary Government Not in Force

Temporary Government Not in Force (By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 2s.—A cable report received to-day at the War Department from Leutenant Colonel Cooldage, in command of the Ninth Infanity since the death of Colonel Liseum, Indicates that the temporary government formed for Tien-Tsin has not been put in force. The report covers the operations of the Ninth Infantry since its arrival in China, and is dated ut Tien-Tsin July 21st.

Will Remain Neutral,

Copyright, 1900, by the Associated Press.) TAKU, Saturday, July 21,—Chang Yous unsuccessfully tried to arrange with ne general commanding the Peh for their surrender. The Genera would agree to maintain a neutral at

Were Safe July 22d. (Ey Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 25.—The State De-(Continued on Second Page.)

BIG ORDER FOR LOCOMOTIVES

Finland State Railways Order Twelve From Richmond Locomotive and Machine Works.

The Richmond Locomotive Works re-ceived on yesterday, by cable, from the Finland State Hallways, an order for twelve "16 by 24" ten-wheeled passenger locomotives, for delivery during April,

These engines are to be exact duplicate of the nine engines now being erected a Helsingfors, Finland, for the same rail ese engines are to be exact duplicates The contract price of these engines aggregates unwards of \$150,000, and this is the third order placed by the Finland State Railways with the Richmond Works, which is a high compilment to their anglose.

A LYNCHBURG CARNIVAL.

A Well-Known Firm Goes to the Wall

A Well-Known Firm Goes to the Wall Back from Europe.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LYNCHERIRG, VA., July 25.—Gregory Brothers, the well-known printers and stationers, filed a deed of assignment yesterday, conveying to A. R. Long, trustee, their entire stock of goods and all debts for the benefit of creditors. The liabilities are a little over \$8,600.

It looks now as if Lynchburg would have a carnival the last week in August. A meeting of business men of the city has voted in favor of it, and a committee has been appointed to formulate a plan of entertainment.

THE RED SHIRTS AFTER BUTLER

Senator Dared Not Come to Willard to Speak.

A THRASHING FOR HIM

Wrath Turned on His Subsitute When He Arrived.

DUCKED IN A FOUNTAIN.

Jack King, an Unlicensed Baptist Preacher, Punished for Distributing Anti-Amendment Literature-Asked Court Not to Punish Red

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) WILMINGTON, N. C., July 25.-Red shirts up the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad to-day were on lookout for Senator Marion Butler, who was advertised to speak at Willard, a few miles from Rose-Hill, where the registrar trial demonstration was yesterday. He did not come, however, but sent R. B. Davis, Sec-retary of State Populist Executive Com-mittee, who spoke to about 75 Populists. WAITING FOR BUTLER.

At Warsaw, an especially large crowd of Red-Shirts were in waiting for Butler, not telegrams were received in Wilming-on, asking if white men here would back them up giving Butler a thrashing. They were advised that they would. When Davis was found on the train instead of Butler their wrath was turned against him, and it was only by the strongest efforts of conservatives that they were restrained from mattreating. Davis

maltreating Davis,
DUCKED IN HORSE FOUNTAIN. Jack King, an unlicensed Baptist preacher, or exhorter, was taken by a party of ted-Shirts in the Fifth Ward of this city Red-Shirts in the Fifth Ward of this city ast hight and given a ducking in a horse fountain, Corner Fifth and Castle Streets, the was charged with having distributed anti-amendment and Populistic campaign iterature in that ward Monday, for Sen-

ttor Marion Butter,
A promise was exacted from King that
ne "would not do so any more."
ARRESTED RED-SHIRTS.

ARRESTED RED-SHIRTS.

He went before Justice of Peace J. J.
Fowler this morning and caused the arrest of two of the Red-Shirts, Thomas M.
Simmons and William Branch, on the charge of assault and battery. The Justice said evidence showed the accused to be guilty and asked them what they had to say for themselves. Simmons said that he thought it "no crime to wash a dirty henchman of Eutler's like King was."

King addressed the court, saying that he thought Red-Shirts did not realize what they did, and asked that the court not in-

hey did, and asked that the court not in-liet any punishment. It is thought King asked court's leniency for fear of retaliation. In fact had he persisted in prosecution, Rel-Shirts would have made it too warm for him to stay in own.

EARNEST WORKERS.

The Best Men in the Democratic Party Are on the Stump.

Are on the Stamp.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

DURHAM, N. C., July 25.—As the State election draws nearer party feeling is in tensified daily, and both sides are working hard. The fusion crowd are distributing quietly, much misleading literature, with small regard for the truth of the state ments made. A good many of the iznoran nents made. A good many of the ignorant whites in this county will vote with the Republican-Populist gang against the smendments, but not enough of them to

lefent white supremacy.
The best Democratic speakers in the State are at work from the mountains to the seas, among them General J. S. Carr who did not intend campaigning until he

who do not intend campaigning until ac-found that the secret work of the Republi-cans and Populists had made the situation somewhat serious.

F. I. Osborne, of Charlotte, former Attor-ney General of the State, spoke in the court-house to-night to an enthusiastic

erowd.

Deputy Revenue Collector J. V. Rigsbee, the fusion candidate for sheriff, was reported, upon good authority, as saying write talking against the amendment that, "sooner than see his old friends distranchised he would shoulder his gun and go to the polls." Rigsbee has a card in the Daily Sun denying that he said it, which will be replied to by J. F. Maddry, city detor of the Morning Herald, who heard

MR. RANSOME'S SPEECH.

Made a Vigorous Speech for Adoption of the Amendment,

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 25.—Ex-Sen ator Matt. W. Ransome spoke at Moores ville, Iredell county, to-day to five thou-sand people. There were several hundred men on horseback in red shirts in the parade

Senator Ransome said of the burning of his burn Saturday night:-"I had made a speech at Elom Springs the day before speech at Epid Springs the day before my barn was burned. A negro who heard the speech stuck a torch to the barn and burned it down, and as my son told me the speech had cost me \$15,000, I said I would rather see every barn and every house in the State crumble into ashes than see one woman outraged. I want louse in the State crumble into ashes han see one woman outraged. I want this negro question settled once for all and the proposed amendment will do it."

FIRE AT RANSOM'S FARM.

Four Hundred Barrels of Corn Burned-Boat Line Officers Elected.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WELDON, N. C., July 25.—Fire on General Matt W. Ransom's plantation, in Northampton county, burned 400 barrels of corn. The corn was valued at \$1,000 and is a total loss, as there was no insurance.

The stockholders of the Weldon and Norfolk Boat Line have elected the following officers: President Paul Caurett, Many officers: President Paul Caurett, Many officers: President Paul Caurett, Many officers: President Paul Caurett. Norfolk Boat Line have elected the following officers: President, Paul Garratt; Vice-President, Major J. W. Wilson; Treasurer, W. A. Pierce; Secretary, T. C. Harrison; General Manager, W. P. Ashburne. The directors are W. E. Daniel, W. T. Shaw, T. L. Emry, F. S. Patterson and the officers first name! Three beats have been purchased for the

and operations will begin September Mr. Jacob Dickins, a Halifax county farmer, planted seven acres in watermel-ons. He has sold here during the past few days over 1,000 at a net sum of \$150, and

has had, besides, an abundant supply for ds home people and neighbors.

A well known negro here will vote for the Constitutional Amendment, and says he is opposed to the ignorant masses of his race voting on public questions, because they cannot exercise the right of suffrage intelligently if they cannot read and write.

THE PIEDMONT ASSEMBLY. Preparations for a Larger Meeting

Preparations for a Larger Meeting
Than Usual.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
GORDONSVILLE, VA., July 25.—The
Piedmont Assembly convenes in annaul session on the tabernacle grounds,
less than a mile from town, next Saturday
evening, the 28ta instant, and will be prolonged to the evening of the 5th of August.
The first few days will be a business sesslon, interspersed with one or more sermons each day.

The Rev. Dr. C. P. Williamson, of Atlanta, is expected, and will deliver a dis-

The Rev. Dr. C. P. Williamson, of Atlanta, is expected, and will deliver a discourse daily. Many of the ablest divines of the Christian Church in the State and from elsewhere will be in attendance and take part in the meetings, notably Dr. F. D. Power and E. B. Barby, of Wasnington, D. C.; Cave, of Maryland; Book and Cutler, of Virginia, together with many others from various charges both in and outside of the district and State.

The committee have expended both money and much time in an effort to make this, the third annual meeting, more interesting than the two former conventions held here, and the impression prevails that the attendance will be larger than heretofore.

The drought continues and the crop of corn will be materially reduced. The gardens in and near town are literally senorched, and the crop of vegetables has been, in some instances, cut off entirely. Mr. Thomas Somerville, of the Southern Railway, located at Rockford, N. C., is on a furlough for two weeks, and visiting his uncle's, Captain Barbour's, family, of Mable and Allen Gentry, of At-

anta, Ga., and Miss Annie Seargent, of aulsa county, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. Gentry, of this city. Mrs. Dr. Quesenbury and her children, of Vest Virginia, are visiting Mrs. Captain yan's family, of Martinsville, a suburb

TERRIFIC BATTLE. Colombian Troops Hold Their Ground Against Insurgents.

(By Associated Press.)
COLON, COLOMBIA, July 25.—A terrific ingagement still continues between the government freeps and the insurgents fround Panama, but the former are still wilding their holding their ground.

Many have been killed and wounded,

and a four hours' armistice was agree upon to attend the wounded and bury the dead.

The steamer Bernald Hall arrived at Colon from Savailla at 3 o'clock this afternoon with reinforcements for the government, numbering 1,000. They were brought

by General Campos Serrano, Governor of the department. FINED FOR SHOOTING. Verdict for Assault Against J. R. Cole-

inan.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
LOVINGSTON, VA., July 25.—Nelson
County Court convened Monday, Yesterday
and to-day the court was occupied in the
trial of J. R. Coleman for shooting Dr. J.

. Everett.

The jury returned a verdict for assault, and fined the accused one hundred and fifty

MAY BE EFFORT TO RESCUE POWERS

Several Hundred Mountain Men Said to be Coming to Geogetown to Attend the Trial.

(By Associated Press.)
GEORGETOWN, KY., July 25.—In the
trial to-day of Caleb Powers, charged with
complicity in the assassination of Governor Goebel, McKensle Todd who was Governor Taylor's private secretary, was the principal witness. While his testi-mony reflected on Henry Youtsey, it was avorable to Powers.

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Georgetown and Scott county were excited over a report to-night that several hundred of Powers' mountain friends will arrive here alouday or Tuesday.

McKensie Todd testfied that he had seen Governor Taylor in conference with Powers, Culton, Findley and others frequently. He saw Caleb Powers and Youtsey together January 20th. Later the san lay the witness saw Youtsey come in the Governor's reception room currying gun. Youtsey took a position by a win-tow, and later went into the office of the Secretary of State, where he knelt down by a window, out of which he pointed the

On Saturday, prior to the assassination, witness saw three guns in the office of the Secretary of State, Youtsey called attention of the witness to them by removing a plank under which they were concealed. Youtsey suid: "Powers claims to be a brave man, but he hid his gun."

A number of other witnesses gave corroborative evidence. On Saturday, prior to the assassination, roborative evidence.

FUSION IN KANSAS.

Democrats Surrendered to Demands of the Populists.

(By Associated Press.)
FORT SCOTT, KAN., July 25.—At their convention to-day Kansas Democracy surrendered to the demands of the Populists and thereby made possible the tightest and, most harmonious fusion that has ever existed in this State. The Populists had demanded from the Democrats the other of Associate Justice in exchange for office of Associate Justice in exchange for

office of Associate Justice in extending for that of Attorney-General.

The ticket endorsed by Democrats, Pop-ulists and Silver Republicans is headed by John W. Breidenthal (Populist), who was nominated for Governor.

OFFICE-HOLDERS ACTIVE.

Complaint Against Those in State of North Carolina.

North Carolina.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The CivilService Commission to-day received a
complaint from F. M. Simmons, chairman of the Democratic State Executive
Committee of North Carolina, against the
acticity of Federal office-holders in the
State cammaign.

State campaign.

Mr. S'mmons says ha is gathering affldavits to submit to the commission, showing violation of the civil-service laws.

ing violation of the civil-service laws.

Mr. Simmons says the entire Federal office-holding body in the State, he understands, have been assessed for Republican and Fusion campaign funds, and, he adds, that it is charged that dispositions of offenses against liquor laws are fre-

HIS LIFE CRUSHED OUT BY ACCIDENT

Mr. William H. Hardy, Killed This Morning.

BODYBADLYMANGLED

Part of Head Torn Away; Arm and Leg Broken; Body Bruised.

HE DIED AT HIS POST OF DUTY.

Was an Engineer, and Worked at the Richmond Locomotive and MachineWorks-Cause of Accident a Deep Mystery-Leaves a

Views the Body. Mr. William H. Hardy, an engineer at the Richmond Locomotive and Machine Works, was in some mysterious way killed shortly after 12 o'clock this morning while at his post of duty. His body was horribly mangled. The right side of his head was

torn off; his forehead was crushed; a hole

Family-Coroner Taylor

was cut in the top of his head; his right arm was broken in six places, and his right leg broken. The entire body was badly bruised and gashed up. Just how Mr. Hardy met with the horrible accident which caused his death is un-known to any of the workmen who were anywhere near him when his are was crushed out Mr. Hardy was in the engine-room by himself and evidently had his cout caught in some of the machiners, which threw him over with territic force against some from Some of the workmen thought that Mr. Hardy was caught in one of the air macaines, but none of them knew exactly how the unfortunate affair oc-

curred. FOUND HIM DEAD.

Mr. Hardy was a married man, and lived with his family at No. 127 North Twenty-teventh Street. He was about thirty-eight years of age, and had for the past ten years or more been employed at the Richmond Locomotive and Machine Works. He was held in the highest esteem by his fellow-workmen, as well as by his employers. For the past three years he had been on night dury at the works. Coroner Taylor was notified about 1 o'clock this morning, and, after viewing the body, allowed it to be turned over to an undertake?.

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MESSAGE FROM M'ARTHUR Announces Erection of Another Mu-

nicipal Government, (By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 25. General MacArthur has cabled the War Department
amounteement of the successful creetion
of another municipal government in the
Callignoises. The Alexade referred to in

The message reads.

"Manila, July 25, 1990,

"Adjutant General, Washington:

"Following telegram from Alcalic of recently formed municipal government
Vizon, Luxon, is transmitted: short. Washington: Alcarde and

(Signal) "MARTHUR"

NO THIRD TICKET. Gold Democrats So Beside By Unani-

Gold Democrats So Figure 1.3 Characteristics means Vete.

(Py Associated Proces)

INDIANAPOLES, IND., July 2x-By unanimous vote of the National Committee of the National (gold stinder of from cray this afternoon, the scheme of fusion with the anti-imperallst movement, ordinally at the recent mass-meeting at the Plaza at the recent mass-meeting at the Plaza. at the recent mass-meeting at the Plazi
Hot-l, New York, was defeated, as wis
also the plan to place a Good Standard
Democrate ticket in the field this year.
When W. B. Haldeman, proprietar of
the Louisville Courier-Journal and member of the National Executive Committee,
arms a superior was epring. The speakarose, a sensation was sprung. The speak-er declared his intention of supporting Bryan and Stevenson.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

La cal.

Lacal.

-Mr. William H. Hardy meets a horrible death.

-Mrs. Nannie Evans ran over by street car and died of her injuries.

-St. Andrew's congregation to have a splendid new church.

-Councilmon Glenn advocates the adoption of the curiew law. -Counciling Counciling Counciling of the erriew law.

-State Board of Fisheries met at Murphy's.

-Mr. LeRoy Roper and Miss Florence Wilson married on yesterday.

Wilson married on yestermay.
State.

-Herbert A. Davis, a merchant of Fauquier, convicted and sentenced for poisoning a well.

-Lightning destroys a fine barn at Centre Farm, with forage and fine horses.

-A marine at Norfolk jumps overboard and is drowned.

-A syndicate, headed by R. Lancaster Williams, buys a Portsmouth street railway. railway.

-J. R. Coleman fined \$150 in Nelson for shooting Dr. J. C. Everett.

-Southern Railway buys more ground at Portsmouth.

General.

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-Rathbone implicated in the Cuban postal frauds.

-Fusion agreed on in Kansas.

-Gold Democrats will put no ticket in the field.

-Militia called out to preserve order in New Orleans.

-Mountain men may attempt rescue of Caleb Powers.

Foreign.

No abatement of efforts to reach

-No abatement of efforts to reach -No abatement of efforts to reach Pekin.

Message from Conger received dated July 4th, when situation was desperate, -Boxer movement said to be spreading southward.

-British make general advance in South Africa, forcing Boers from strong posi-

tion.

-Railway and telegraph communication restored.

-Colombian troops hold their ground against insurgents in great buttle,